

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1623**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Eugene L. O'Flaherty**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act regarding the issuance of a warrant where there is an imminent threat.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Eugene L. O'Flaherty

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Suffolk

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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AN ACT REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF A WARRANT WHERE THERE IS AN IMMINENT  
THREAT.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority  
of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 276 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 24, as  
2 appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 Section 24. Upon a complaint or indictment for any offense, a summons shall issue  
4 instead of a warrant, unless, in the judgment of the court or justice, there is reason to believe that  
5 the defendant will not appear upon summons or there is an imminent threat of bodily injury, of  
6 the commission of a crime, or of flight from the commonwealth by the person against whom  
7 such complaint is made.